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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The final office action of August 4, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks

are responsive thereto. Claims 1, 18, 25, and 32 have been cancelled without prejudice or

disclaimer, claims 50-53 have been added, and claims 2, 8-12, 14-17, 20-24, 26-31, 33-41, and

43-46 have been amended. Claims 2-6, 8-17, 20-24, 26-31, 33-41, and 43-53 thus remain

pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are

respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6, 8-15, 17, 18, 20-41, and 43-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being

unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,925,595 (Whitledge), in view of U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0091738

(Rohrabaugh). Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Whitledge, in view of Rohrabaugh, in further view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,523,040 (Lo).

By the present amendment, Applicant has cancelled independent claims 1, 18, 25, and 32.

Claims 2, 8-12, 14-17, 20-24, 26-31, 33-41, and 43-46 have been amended to depend from one of

the new claims 50-53. Thus, the current rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are believed moot.

However, the references applied in the § 103 rejections will be discussed below in relation to the

new claims 50-53.

New Claims

Applicant has added new claims 50-53 to clarify and more fully claim the invention. For

example, independent claim 50 recites a method for providing device-specific content,

comprising "receiving device-independent content comprising markup information identifying

one or more device feature values" and "matching at least one of the device feature values ...

with ... the user network terminal device." Claim 50 further recites, "based on said matching,

converting the device-independent content into device-specific content adapted to said user

network terminal device."

With regard to the Whitledge, as the office action correctly notes (in the discussion of

claim 1), Whitledge does not teach content annotated with markup information corresponding to

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one or more device feature values. Thus, Whitledge also does not teach receiving device-independent content comprising markup information identifying one or more device feature values, or matching the device feature values in the content with the features of the requesting device.

With regard to Rohrabaugh, which teaches creating a resolution-independent vector display of internet content, the office action states on pages 19-20, "Rohhrabaugh teaches that when the web page is being rescaled according to a client's request, the markup language is used to maintain the format the document would be in its original form ... [k]eeping the document's original layout while changing the scale." Although Rohrabaugh uses certain information in the markup language (e.g., object size, object relative location within the page) to convert the content to a vector-scalable format, Rohrabaugh does not teach or suggest "markup information identifying one or more device feature values," as recited in claim 50. Rohrabaugh also does not teach or suggest "matching at least one of the device feature values ... with ... the user network terminal device," as recited in claim 50. Applicant further notes that Rohrabaugh does not convert content into device-specific content, but rather is expressly designed to produce device-independent content (i.e., vectorized HTML content) that may be rendered on a variety of client devices. Accordingly, the combination of Whitledge and Rohrabaugh, even assuming proper, does not result in the claim 50 invention.

For at least these reasons, claim 50 is not obvious over the alleged combination of Whitledge and Rohrabaugh. Independent claims 51-53 each contain at least one similar limitation as referred to above with respect to claim 50, and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 50. Dependent claims 2-6, 8-17, 20-24, 26-31, 33-41, and 43-49 are allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims, and further based on the additional features recited therein.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below-listed number.

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